

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The Art Unit location of your application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit 2483.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kenneth Q. Lao on 29 October 2010.

The application has been amended as follows: Claim 21 is amended to read as follows:

21. An apparatus according to claim ~~[[19]]~~18, wherein the summing means further configured for combining a time domain factor to the summed transform coefficients for achieving a further editing effect.

Response to Amendment

3. Applicant's amendments to the claims have been fully considered. The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112 ¶ 1 are withdrawn. The claimed "non-

transitory computer readable medium” is considered to encompass a memory in the PC platform, encoding software programs 422 and 424, as described in the original specification, inherently.

4. Applicant’s amendments to the claims have been fully considered. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2 is withdrawn. The amendment distinguishes “motion compensated predicted data from a previous frame” as data 110 in fig. 6 and “a plurality of decoded quantized transform coefficients indicative of residual data of a current frame” as data 132 in fig. 6. As such, the amendment overcomes the indefiniteness rejection due to prior ambiguous language.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2, 8–13, 18, 21–23, 25, 27–29, and 31–41 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: As mentioned in the 25 May 2010 Office action, all claims are drawn to fig. 6 of the specification, found to be patentable over the prior art, and all formal matters are resolved.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance”.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0122942 A1 ("Parker") teaches a camera that adds "enhancement" data to compressed images.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID N. WERNER whose telephone number is (571)272-9662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Saturday from 10:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph G. Ustaris can be reached on (571) 272-7383. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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